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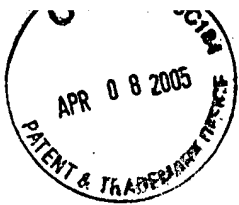
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<u>ERROR</u>	<u>VERIFICATION</u>
Column 7, line 43, insert --and-- after member.	Clerical error. See original application at page 15, claim 10.
Column 7, line 61, insert --seat-- after valve.	Clerical error. See original application at page 16, claim 13.
Column 8, line 66, delete "refracted" and insert --retracted--.	Clerical error. See original application at page 18, claim 23.

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It is certified that errors appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Column 7, line 43, insert --and-- after member.

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Column 8, line 66, delete "refracted" and insert --retracted--.

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**CLAIMS**

1. A male luer apparatus comprising:
  - 2 a tubular portion having a forward end;
  - 4 a resilient member extending within the inner tubular portion having opposite rear and forward ends; and
  - 6 a valve member abutting the first end of the resilient member, the valve member having a tip for sealing the forward end of the inner tubular portion;
  - 8 when the male luer apparatus is inserted into a female luer connector, the female luer connector drives the resilient member into a compressed position to open the forward end of the male luer and permit flow from one luer to another;
  - 10 whereby liquid exiting the male luer apparatus travels in a generally linear path through the inner tubular portion of the male luer and enters the female luer.
2. The apparatus as claimed in Claim 1, further including first necked area and a second necked area spaced rearwardly from the first necked area.
3. The apparatus as claimed in Claim 1, further including a housing having an outer tubular portion with a rear end and a forward open end that contains the inner tubular portion which is of a reduced diameter from the housing.
4. The apparatus as claimed in Claim 3, wherein the housing is generally cylindrical in shape and contains threads on an internal surface of the outer tubular portion for engaging complementary threads on the female luer connector.

2 5. The apparatus as claimed in Claim 2, wherein the valve member has a resilient, compressible portion.

2 6. The apparatus as claimed in Claim 5, wherein the valve member is contoured at said tip to complement the first necked area of the inner tubular portion.

2 7. The apparatus as claimed in Claim 6, wherein the valve member is contoured at a location spaced rearwardly of said tip to complement the second necked area of the inner tubular portion so that the valve member is substantially flush with the forward end of the inner tubular portion in a sealed condition.

2 8. The apparatus as claimed in Claim 5, wherein the resilient member is a spring.

2 9. The apparatus as claimed in Claim 7, wherein the valve member is of elastomeric material.

2 10. The apparatus as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the resilient member and the valve member are formed integrally.

2 11. The apparatus as claimed in Claim 10, wherein the resilient member and the valve member are of elastomeric material.

2 12. The apparatus as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the valve member is attached to the first end of the resilient member.

13. A male luer apparatus for connection with a female luer valve  
2 comprising:

4 a tubular housing having a proximal end and a distal end wherein the  
female luer can be engaged at the proximal end;

6 an inner tubular portion positioned within the housing and having a  
proximal end and a distal end wherein the proximal end of the inner tubular  
portion extends beyond the proximal end of the housing and wherein the  
8 proximal end of the inner tubular portion comprises a valve seat;

10 a resilient member with first and second ends contained within the  
inner tubular portion and abutting the second end to the distal end of the  
tubular portion, the resilient member being movable between a compressed,  
12 retracted position and an extended position; and

14 a valve member in contact with the first end of the resilient member  
and having a forward end shaped for sealing engagement with said valve  
seat in the extended position;

16 wherein the male luer apparatus is inserted into the female luer  
connector and the female luer connector drives the resilient member into the  
18 compressed position to open the proximal end of the male luer and permit  
flow from one luer to another;

20 whereby liquid exiting the male luer apparatus travels in a generally  
linear path through the inner tubular portion of the male luer and enters the  
22 female luer.

14. The apparatus as claimed in Claim 13, wherein the housing is generally  
2 cylindrical and defines an internal chamber and contains threads on its inner  
core surface within the internal chamber for engaging complementary threads  
4 on the female luer connector.

23. A male luer apparatus comprising:  
2 a housing;  
a resilient member with first and second ends that can be elastically  
4 displaced that is contained within the housing;  
an inner tubular member with a proximal end and a distal end  
6 contained between the housing at a position located coaxially between the  
housing and the resilient member wherein the proximal end of the inner  
8 tubular member contains a recess that creates a necked area;  
a valve member abutting the resilient member and sealing the proximal  
10 end of the inner tubular member, the resilient member being movable  
between an extended position in which the valve member is in sealing  
12 engagement with said proximal end of the inner tubular member, and a  
retracted position in which said valve member is retracted rearwardly from  
14 said proximal end; and  
wherein the male luer apparatus is inserted into a female luer  
16 connector and the female luer connector drives the resilient member into a  
compressed position to open the proximal end of the male luer and permit  
18 flow from one luer to another;  
whereby liquid exiting the male luer apparatus travels in a generally  
20 linear path through the inner tubular member of the male luer and enters the  
female luer.

24. The apparatus as claimed in Claim 23, wherein the housing is generally  
2 cylindrical in shape and contains threads on its inner core surface for  
engaging complimentary threads on the female luer connector.

25. The apparatus as claimed in Claim 24, wherein the valve member is  
2 a ball that seals the inner tubular member at the proximal end.